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SUBJECT: COMMAND AND CONTROL OVER THE NATIONAL GUARD

REFS: (A) IR 6870002177 (DTG 112150Z MAR)

(B) MANAGUA 1317 (PARA 14C)

(C) MANAGUA 1640 (PARA 2)

(D) MANAGUA 2800

(E) IR 6870005577 (DTG 292144Z JUN)

1. EMB WISHES TO CALL DEPT'S ATTENTION TO LATEST INDICATION THAT PRESIDENT SOMOZA IS SERIOUSLY AND FORCEFULLY INSTRUCTING THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) STAFF AND NATIONAL COMMANDERS TO AVOID HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (REF E). THIS MOST RECENT SOMOZA MESSAGE TO HIS SENIOR OFFICERS APPEARS SIMILAR TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS EARLIER IN THE YEAR (REF A) EXCEPT FOR MORE SPECIFICITY REGARDING THE U.S. LEGISLATIVE

PROCESS AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. THESE REPORTS CONFIRM SOMOZA'S STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAS REGULARLY INSTRUCTED HIS OFFICERS TO AVOID HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES (REF C).

2. AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE DESCRIBING TO DEFATT SOMOZA'S RECENT MEETING WITH GN LEADERSHIP, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO RETURN FIRE IF FIRED ON BUT NOT TO ABUSE OR KILL PRISONERS. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO STATED THAT PRISONERS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO MANA-
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GUA FOR INTERROGATION RATHER THAN BE INTERROGATED LOCALLY.

3. THE TEST OF WHETHER THE MESSAGE IS BEING RESPECTED BY THE GN IS NOT YET DEFINITIVE. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SOME EARLY INDICATIONS OF A CHANGE. THE CAPUCHIN REPORT OF NO NEW DISAPPEARANCES OR DEATHS SINCE FEBRUARY (REF D) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A TENTATIV FAVORABLE INDICATION, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION DURING THEIR NEXT

TRAVEL THROUGH THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA FROM WHICH CAME THE REPORTS WHICH RESULTED IN OUR GREATEST CONCERN. ANOTHER INDICATION OF CHANGE, ALSO REPORTED BY THE CAPUCHIN PRIESTS, IS THAT THE GN HAS STOPPED OCCUPYING PARISH CAHPELS AS BARRACKS DURING THEIR COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS FOR OVERNIGHT LODGING. THIS WAS A COMPLAINT EXPRESSED IN THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER AND, AS A RESULT, THE GN HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO END THE PRACTICE EXCEPT IN CASES OF SEVERE NECESSITY.
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